GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2740
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000
SCHEME FOR HYDEL POWER GENERATION
BASUDEB ACHARIA;DINSHA J. PATEL;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY;SHEELA GAUTAM;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any long term scheme for generation of hydel power in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the names of States selected under this scheme;

(d) whether the Government propose to encourage Private parties and joint venture projects for the development in hydel power;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the target fixed for generation of hydel power fixed under the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER

(SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Government of India has announced a policy on Hydro Power Development in August, 1998 inorder to accelerate the pace of hydro power development, which is applicable to all the States/Union Territories in India. The salient features of the Policy are:-

(i) Providing adequate funds in the Central/State Government budget and organising supplementary funding through Power Finance Corporation.

(ii) Entrusting basin-wise development to Central Hydel Public Sector Corporations.

(iii) Funding support for Survey and Investigations.

(iv) Utilising the joint venture frame work for promoting hydel projects.

(v) Simplification of procedures relating to transfer of clearances from State Government to Central Public Sector Undertakings and State Government to private sector.

(d) & (e) : The Policy on Hydro Power Developmentseeks to encourage greater participation by way of joint ventures between the PSUs/SEBs and the domestic and foreign private enterprises.
(f) : No specific target has been fixed for generation of hydel power in the Policy. However, a conscious effort is being made to achieve the capacity addition of 9,817 MW from hydel projects during the 9th Plan (1997-2002).